A project for integrated development of rural tourism at Paragpur in District Kangra has been sanctioned for Central financial assistance of Rs. 50.00 lakhs during the current financial year. During the year 2002-03, the Chandigarh-Kullu-Manali-Lahaul/Spiti-Leh Tourist Circuit with Central financial assistance of Rs. 714.06 lakhs has been taken up for development.

Plan to make hotel premises easy for disabled

1516. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Jaipur hotels have plans to make their premises easy for physically challenged people; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to make it mandatory for all the hotels to open their doors to the disabled otherwise their licenses would not be renewed?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) According to the Revised Guidelines for Classification of Hotels and Approval of hotel projects issued by the Department of Tourism, Government of India on 23.04.2003, new hotel projects will be required to adopt environment friendly practices and facilities for physically challenged persons.

As regards the existing classified hotels, they are required to add in a phased manner eco-friendly practices and facilities for physically challenged persons.

It is being ensured at the time of classification/re-classification of hotels that all hotels, including hotels in Jaipur should have the above facilities.

Survey by ASI to assess encroachment of Land

1517. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the Taj corridor controversy, Government have undertaken any survey about the encroachment of land around